

Letter from Edward A. Fay to Alexander Graham Bell, August 13, 1872, with transcript

Copied from a collection of "Biographical Material" in "Dr. Bell's Room." Copy of a letter to A. Graham Bell, esq., from Edward A. Fay, also copy of, reply from A. Graham Bell to Edward A. Fay. 485 Henry Street Brooklyn, New York August 13, 1872 My dear Sir:

I have finally decided on account of Mrs. Fay's delicate state of health and the probability that the Conference at Flint will be small in numbers and unimportant in results not to go to Michigan this summer.

I am sorry not to have the opportunity of meeting you, but I trust we shall be able to arrange by correspondence for securing your services to the National Deaf-Mute College for a longer or shorter time. I have not yet heard from you in reply to my last letter, except by the telegram received yesterday designating Flint as the place of meeting.

I shall be glad to learn how the matter impresses you now, and what your ideas with regard to compensation would be, in order that I may make some definite recommendations to our Board of Directors.

Respectfully and truly yours, Edward A. Fay. A. Graham Bell, Esq.

Reply Melville House, Brantford, Ont. August 23, 1872 My dear Sir:

After due consultation with my friends, I have come to the conclusion that it will be inexpedient, under existing circumstances, to alter my published plans. Accordingly I shall proceed to Boston without delay.

The sincere thanks of my father and myself are due for the interest shown in the invention of Visible Speech by the National College for Deaf Mutes; and we shall be happy to

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forward, in every way within our power, the full introduction of the system into your Institution.

I was sorry not to meet you at Flint; and I trust that Mrs. Fay has by this time quite recovered.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours respectfully, A. Graham Bell